



Kosciusko Attala Development Corporation

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September 28, 2011

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

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RE: Grenada Railroad LLC- Abandonment of railroad line between Milepost 622.5 and Milepost 703.8., In Mississippi- STB Docket AB-1087AX

Dear Ms. Brown:

We are writing in opposition to the application filed by Grenada Railway LLC (GRYR) for abandonment of the railroad line between Milepost 622.5 near Grenada, Mississippi and Milepost 703.8 near Canton, Mississippi a distance of 81.3 miles in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo and Madison Counties in Mississippi.

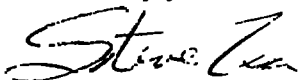
Our economic development corporation is also concerned for the connection to our short line railroad that intersects the GRYR at milepost 673.4. This short line, the Kosciusko Southwestern Railway (KSRY), is the only access our City of Kosciusko and Attala County Mississippi have to the national rail system. We currently have a major energy site that has several active prospects that would depend on this rail. Furthermore, we currently have cars on the rail line that belong to G.E. Capital that are stored to be repaired, refurbished or scrapped. This issue was addressed in the abandonment proceedings but only tells part of the story.

Our line is currently owned by the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The abandonment notice, on page 7, indicates that GRYR wanted to purchase this rail line from MDOT with the favor of MDOT but the opposition of one of our state representatives, Mary Ann Stevens, from West, Mississippi. This statement is true but what it does not say is that they wanted to purchase this line to scrap or salvage since this is the principal business of A&K Salvage owned by Mr. Kern W. Schumacher also the principal owner of GRYR. They wanted to purchase the line for \$200,000 far below the salvage value. In fact there efforts were not supported by MDOT's Northern Commissioner Mike Tagert, or MDOT.

Please also understand that the loss of this rail line has had an immediate effect on existing businesses, but the abandonment and allowing GRYR to remove the rail will put this region of Mississippi at a huge disadvantage when competing for economic development projects and overall job creation. This rail line serves the heart of Mississippi and connects most of central Mississippi to the national shipping hub in Memphis, Tennessee.

We urge you to consider the current and future economic health of our communities as you analyze Grenada Railways abandonment application.

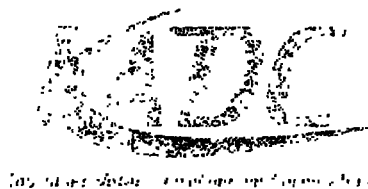
Sincerely yours,


Steve Zea, President

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I, Steve Zea, President of the Kosciusko Attala Development Corporation, on October 6, 2011, served all parties of record by United States Mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Steve Zea' in a cursive script.

Steve Zea
President